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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, USIB Security Committee (IBSEC)

FROM: Chairman, USIB Committee on Documentation (CODIB)

SUBJECT: Recommendation No. 42 of the Joint Study Group Report on Foreign Intelligence Activities of the United States Government, Dated 15 December 1960

REFERENCES: (a) USIB-D-1.5/4, 21 February 1961: "Implementation of Approved Recommendations re Foreign Intelligence Activities"
(b) USIB-M-142, 28 February 1961, para. 5
(c) IBSEC-PR/2, 3 March 1961: Memorandum to Chairman, National Security Council Special Committee on Technical Surveillance Countermeasures, subject as above
(d) USIB-M-144, 7 March 1961, para. 8: "Recommendation B"
(e) Memorandum for Executive Secretary, U. S. Communications Security Board (USCSB) from Executive Secretary, USIB dated 13 March 1961, subject: "Flexowriter Security Problem"

1. Reference (b) reflects USIB agreement with the DCI's proposal (reference (a)) for implementation of certain recommendations of the Joint Study Group, and with specific reference to recommendation 42, mentions Security Committee consultation with CODIB "with respect to any considerations pertinent to CODIB's activities." One specific and pressing CODIB consideration is mentioned in references (d) and (e), viz., resolution of the flexowriter security problem. Also of interest to CODIB, but not a pressing requirement, is provision of safeguards for secure facsimile or similar document-image transmission between buildings or agencies. Since resolution of the security problems connected with these interests comes under the aegis of the Communications Security Board (USCSB) rather than USIB, reference (e) passed to USCSB, for information and such action as deemed appropriate, the USIB sense of urgency in resolution of the flexowriter problem. Finally, reference (c) asks assistance of the NSC Special Committee on Technical Surveillance Countermeasures in identifying efforts initiated in the counter-audio surveillance field to which study could be given by the Security Committee for recommendation of appropriate action to USIB.

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2. CODIB has taken action, through its Working Group on Remote Systems Input (WGRSI), to coordinate Community plans for use of typewriters in overseas installations which create a machine language by-product. The reasons for using such a device in the field are 1) to create machine language input to intelligence data processing systems and 2) to speed-up report transmission by providing for feed-in to communication systems. Plans to institute such a remote systems input program have been hampered by lack of safeguards

The CODIB Working Group is now investigating the possibility of developing a Community requirement for a second-generation typewriter for field use, thereby providing for compatibility in input and greatly reducing maintenance and security problems. The development of a common requirement is progressing; the resolution of the security problem has been referred to the USCSB's Committee on Compromising Emanations.

3. This then is CODIB's specific and pressing interest in recommendation 42. To give additional background I have attached the Terms of Reference and Minutes of the CODIB Working Group.

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Chairman

Attachments

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